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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING EXTENSIONS OF TIME**

(August 27, 1997)

A Partial Objection of the United States Postal Service to UPS Interrogatory UPS/USPS-T41-8(b) and Motion for Extension to Respond (Motion) was filed on August 25, 1997. The Postal Service objects to providing some material responsive to the UPS discovery request, and indicates its intention to submit the remainder in redacted form. It requests until September 8, 1997, to file material it intends to review for contractors' proprietary information.

I will grant an extension until September 8, 1997, for the Postal Service to submit its response to UPS/USPS-T41-8(b). This ruling does not address the merits of the Postal Service objection, or the propriety of redacting information it considers proprietary to Postal Service contractors. Under Special Rule 2.B., participants are to submit motions to compel within 14 days of an objection; however in this instance, it may be most efficient to allow the requesting party to view the Postal Service response before deciding whether to engage in motions practice. Therefore, any motions concerning UPS/USPS-T41-8(b) will be timely if submitted on or before September 15, 1997.

RULING

1. The Postal Service response to UPS/USPS-T41-8(b) may be provided on or before September 8, 1997.

2. Motions seeking additional information in response to UPS/USPS-T41-8(b) may be filed on or before September 15, 1997.

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Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer